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SUBJ: NEW AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS

1. GURC ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING NEW AMBASSADORIAL ASSIGNMENTS
AUG. 6:

A. ZACHEE MONGO SOO, MAGISTRATE, PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MINISTRY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FORMER MINISTER NATIONAL EDUCATION, NAMED
AMBASSADOR TO GABON;

B. MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE BELEOKEN, PREVIOUSLY CAMEROONIAN
AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW, NAMED AMBASSADOR TO PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC
OF CHINA;

C. MR. BENOIT BINDZI, PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS (OUT OF GURC SERVICE SINCE 1968), NAMED AMBASSADOR
TO THE UNITED STATES;

D. MR. FELIX ESSAMA AYI, PREVIOUSLY FIRST COUNSELOR
CAMEROON EMBASSY PEKING, NAMED AMBASSADOR TO USSR.

2. IT HAS BEEN RELIABLY REPORTED THAT PART OF THE SHAKE UP
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RESULTED FROM CONFLICT BETWEEN THE EX-AMBASSADOR TO CHINA

(MR. CLEMET TSOBGNY LANGUE) AND HIS EX-FIRST COUNSELOR
FELIX ESSAMA AYI WHICH RESULTED IN AN OFFICIAL GURC
INVESTIGATION OF THE EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES. MR. LANGUE HAS
BEEN CALLED HOME AND MR. ESSAMA AYI HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO
AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW. MR. BINDZI IS A LONG-TIME OPPONENT OF
EX-AMBASSADOR TO THE US TCHOUNGUI AND THERE MAY HAVE BEEN
AN ELEMENT OF HUMOR IN HIS ASSIGNMENT GIVEN TCHOUNGUI'S
PRESENT STATE OF DISGRACE.
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